

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Schwab et al

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Examiner: N. Flynn

For: VIDEO INPUT SWITCHING AND SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 18-40 as follows:

(Sub D) --18. A method of automatically changing a TV channel at a viewer location, comprising the steps of:

entering, at the viewer location, information regarding a viewing preference; and transmitting, from a broadcaster to the viewer location, a TV program including a pointer that automatically switches the TV program that the viewer is watching to another program based on the information entered by the viewer.

✓ 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the TV program is a cable TV program.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the TV program is an audio/video program transmitted in digital form.

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